



Metro Atlanta Al-Anon/Alateen Information Service

What's New in Al-Anon

Georgia Al-anon Area 11 just had its AWSC meeting. Some of the noteworthy highlights are as follows:

1. The new Al-anon Mobile App is out and available for downloads. The app features online meetings within the app, current WSO news, and personal journal entries. You can also make Seventh Tradition contributions through the App (using Apple Pay or Google Pay). It is only for mobile devices and is available at Google Play and the Apple App store.
2. New delegate information will be posted at "Delegates Corner" on the Area website. Go to the website homepage (ga-al-anon.org), then the Navigation Bar for Area Information. Click the pull-down menu and select "Delegates Corner." There is a "Did you know" section for general Al-Anon information and a link to "In the Loop" email newsletter.
3. The September Area 11 Assembly is scheduled for Saturday, September 19 from 9-1 and on

Sunday, September 20 from 9 until the close of business. There is much business to be covered, including voting on motions. There will be Assembly pre-registration for area GRs.

4. The enhanced 2018-2021 Al-anon/Alateen Service manual Version 2 is available for purchase online at the alanon.org website. The printed edition became available on January 31. This new version reflects extensive changes due to the WSO procedural changes and motions.

In conclusion, everyone at AWSC was positive, and our Higher Power was present over the Zoom air. Much business was discussed, and everyone encouraged each other as we move past this pandemic. It is always a pleasure to serve, and you can also serve since MAIS has several open positions. Please contact Keith F. at maisboardchair@gmail.com if you are interested.

Tim M.
MAIS Liaison to Area 11

COVID-19 Meeting Updates

For a list of electronic Al-Anon meetings, temporarily closed meetings, as well as re-opened in-person meetings please visit alanonatl.org or ga-al-anon.org

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MAIS NEEDS YOU

The Hand of Al-Anon and Alateen

Hello, everyone,

Since mid-March, MAIS has received more than 80 calls and emails for information. The majority of calls received lately are questions about which groups are meeting face-to-face. **Please check the meeting information for your group on the Georgia Area website, ga-al-anon.org, and make sure it is current.** That helps us help members and newcomers get to YOUR meeting, because that's where the MAIS volunteers get their meeting information to answer those questions.

There are two links on the home page to [Temporary Electronic Meetings](#) and [Temporary Meeting Closures and Reopenings](#). We need that information to be accurate now more than ever. You can update your group's meeting information thru a third link on the GA Area website home page, [Click Here to Submit Meeting Updates](#). The member who receives that information does a fantastic job of promptly posting the information that she receives from you all, so we can all be confident that it's accurate - if you send in updates.

Have you had members visit your group from other states? From other countries? Have you done a search for meetings outside of Georgia? I can answer "Yes!" to all 3 questions, and I can tell you that one thing I have learned is that Georgia Al-Anon's list of meetings is among the most effective I have searched. Members and newcomers can pretty easily access the information they need to get to a meeting, which I have not always found to be the case on other Al-Anon websites.

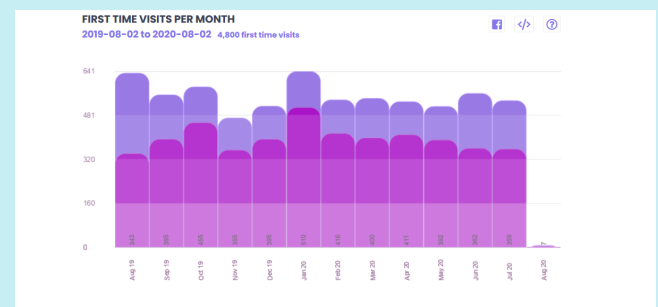


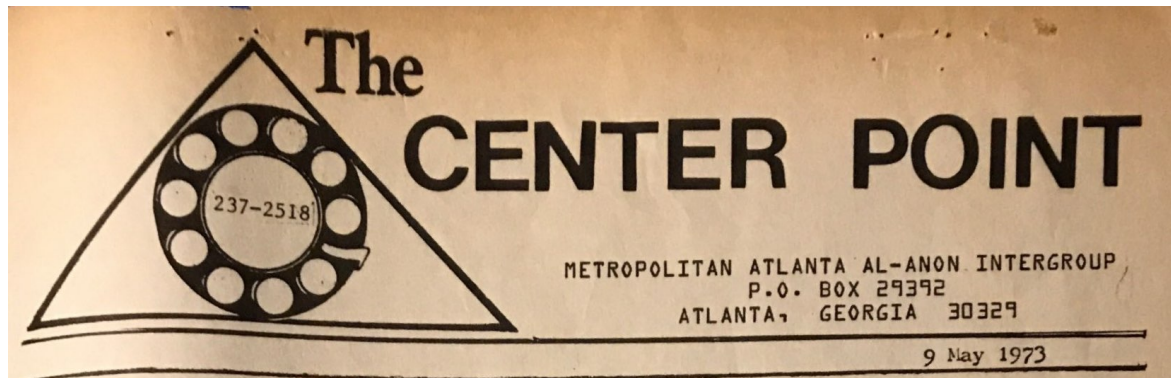
There were reports of 'bad actors' at the beginning of the pandemic, so if that prospect has affected your group's willingness to meet virtually and/or post its meeting information, be aware that there are effective ways to prevent that from happening and effective ways to respond if necessary; find out more on the GA Area website home page through the link, [Protecting Anonymity in Electronic Meetings](#).

Together We Can Make It!
Vicki L.
MAIS Telephone Volunteer

Did you know?

The MAIS website averages about 500 new visitors each month. The majority of visitors hail from here in Georgia, but we have welcomed visitors from several other states in the U.S, as well as visitors from as far away as Germany!





Recollections

Your MAIS Archives

Nancy B.

Above Image:

Masthead from the inaugural issue of The Center Point, May 9, 1973

Dot H. compiled the inaugural issue of The CenterPoint newsletter that was published on May 9, 1973. The following is a transcription of its content.

THE CENTER POINT
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METROPOLITAN ATLANTA AL-ANON
INTERGROUP
P.O. BOX 29392
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30329

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER:

Welcome to your 1973 Intergroup action:

Our theme this year is AWARENESS — so each group will be aware of Intergroup activities, support and available services - through Intergroup Representatives.

—so Intergroup will be aware of the ideas and wishes of each group - thru Intergroup Representatives.

We in Intergroup have inherited a tremendous foundation created from much dedication and hard work by our predecessors. We avow not only to "carry the banner" proudly, but strive to leave our own mark thru conscientious dedication and service.

HAPPENING AT AL-ANON GROUPS:

Sandy Springs held 1st. anniversary in January with dinner meeting.

Glenhaven has new meeting place - St. Thomas More Church on Ponce de Leon.

A new group being started at Dogwood Club - 8:00 P.M. Tuesdays - thru efforts of Delores, 523-8790.

Decatur featured "basics" at April meetings - with Barbara arranging guest chairmen.

West Roswell held 1st. anniversary in April.

NABA (Thursday) had an "all Skyland" month with programs by Skyland's Charlene, Shirley, Ben, and George (AA).

Meeting at Georgia Mental Health (Tuesdays P.M.) is extending help to families of patients by devoted efforts of Mavis, Doris, and Shirley. High Noon offers special attention to the newcomer - an informative session just after the regular meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

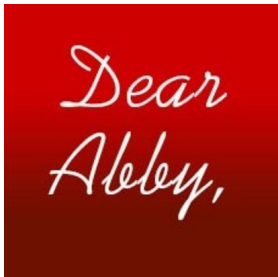
The Intergroup Public Relations Committee (Mary W., Chairman; Charmain G., Co-Chairman; and with much generous help from Wylenea K.) has excelled with efforts to initiate the following projects:

1. WRNG Radio half-day call-in and talk show with Jane (Ruth!) and Bob.
 2. TV spots on WSB displaying Al-Anon poster type pictures.
 3. Article on Al-Anon published in newsletter of Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta.
 4. Literature table at professional workshop at Georgia Mental Health Inst.
 5. Radio references to Al-Anon Family Groups by Rev. John Allen on several local stations.
 6. Information programs at Peachtree Hospital for interested families of patients.
 7. Talk about the Al-anon Program at a conference of clergy and laity.
 8. Special idea session to the IRs for guidance of group participation in Public Relations.
- Many THANKS are in order to this committee and all participants for this grand accomplishment.

1973 INTERGROUP STAFF:

CHAIRMAN_ Dot H. (255-6424).
SECRETARY_ Vernie S. (252-2374).
TREASURER_ Jeane C. (474-7104).
PHONE & LITERATURE CHAIRMAN_ Betty P. (243-3592).
PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN_ Mary W. (355-5835).
CO-CHAIRMAN_ Charmain C. (458-0295).

AL-ANON IN NATIONAL MEDIA



The “Dear Abby” newspaper column

recently recommended Al-Anon to its readers. In communities where editors choose to publish the recommendation to try Al-Anon, it would be appropriate and helpful for members to send thank-you notes to the newspapers. Such expressions of appreciation might help editors choose to run more Al-Anon and Alateen items in the future. It is possible that thank-you notes sent to newspapers for “Dear Abby” might appear in print, so please ask to remain anonymous if you identify yourself as an Al-Anon member. Many newspapers have either gone entirely digital

or include some bonus content available online only. Consider searching their website for the article and, if possible, leave a comment expressing your gratitude for the recommendation. Please protect your anonymity at the level of the internet by not revealing your membership in the program.

Readers of national media items could contact the WSO for local meeting information. It is always important for groups to provide WSO and all service arm websites with up-to-date meeting information, including temporary electronic meeting information, so everyone can help newcomers find a meeting. Thank you for offering help and hope to families and friends of alcoholics.



MAIS Office Temporarily Closed

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We continue to operate remotely, receiving mail, taking phone calls and responding to emails. Our temporary mailing address is:

MAIS C/O Dixie Petit
255 Jones Bridge Place
Circle
Alpharetta, GA 30022

In addition, we need the email address for your group's MAIS Representative so we can invite them to our upcoming virtual MAIS general meeting **September 9, 2020**. Send your contact information to maisboardchair@gmail.com

MAIS Money Matters

Thanks to the generous donations of groups and individuals, MAIS is maintaining financial security, despite the absence of literature sales due to COVID 19. Please see the full financial report [here](#) and please continue to give!

Your 7th Tradition donations are critical to keeping our website current, our meeting information and phone line accessible, and ensuring we can resume processing your literature orders after the pandemic. Our website : www.al-anonatl.org provides a PayPal Button for donations, and you can still send a check by mail to:

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255 Jones Bridge Place Circle
Alpharetta, GA 30022
(Include your group name and number on your check.)

2020 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	2020 YTD Total	2020 Budget Proposal	2020 Actual VS Budget 7 months =58.33%
Anniversary Contributions	174.00							174.00	400.00	44%
Miscellaneous	(4.94)							(4.94)	-	
Contributions	1,980.73	1,286.82	612.00	551.93	925.36	2,650.98	1,471.09	9,478.91	15,000.00	63%
Total Received Contributions	2,149.79	1,286.82	612.00	551.93	925.36	2,650.98	1,471.09	9,647.97	15,400.00	63%
LITERATURE SALES										
Handling income	287.96	250.22	103.14					641.32	3,000.00	21%
Sales of product income	3,278.18	2,998.19	1,046.62					7,322.99	34,000.00	22%
Sales tax compensation	4.00	8.01	7.40	2.69	18.31			40.41	75.00	54%
Shipping income	36.98	94.78	59.87					191.63	700.00	27%
Total Sales	3,607.12	3,351.20	1,217.03	2.69	18.31	0.00	0.00	8,196.35	37,775.00	22%
Total Income (SALES + CONTRIBUTIONS)	5,756.91	4,638.02	1,829.03	554.62	943.67	2,650.98	1,471.09	17,844.32	53,175.00	34%
Spent Selling Literature										
Cost of Goods Sold (Lit Purchase)	1,888.34	2,266.66	748.89					4,903.89	23,000.00	21%
Printing for Schedules								0.00	400.00	0%
Shipping From AFG	179.90	235.46	82.45					497.81	2,200.00	23%
Shipping to Customers UPS	21.43	81.56	133.51					236.50	1,100.00	22%
Total Spent Selling Literature	2,089.67	2,583.68	964.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,638.20	26,700.00	21%
Earned From Lit Sales	1,517.45	767.52	252.18	2.69	18.31	0.00	0.00	2,558.15	9,892.11	26%
Gross Profit	3,667.24	2,054.34	864.18	554.62	943.67	2,650.98	1,471.09	12,206.12	25,447.34	48%

SERVICE: AL-ANON'S THIRD LEGACY

Please consider serving MAIS by attending the next Bernal meeting to be held virtually on September 9, 2020, and by filling the following vacant service positions (descriptions of these vital roles can be found at alanonatl.org):

- Secretary
- MAIS Committee Chair
- MAIS Office Chair
- Telephone Service Chair
- Website Chair
- MAIS Anniversary Party Chair



A Letter from your Board of Trustees



GACS Literature Distribution Center

The GA Al-Anon Central Services Literature Distribution Center has recently moved. Their new address is:

**737 Riverside Drive Lane,
Macon, GA 31201**

Please send all GACS literature orders and donations to the above address.

The April 2020 letter from the WSO Chairperson of the Board of Trustees can be viewed at al-anon.org.

The purpose of this Chairperson of the Board letter is to share with you some of the highlights from our 2020 World Service Conference (WSC), along with updates from the Board of Trustees' Quarterly Meeting and the Annual Meetings of the Board. You will also find updates from our outgoing and incoming Policy Chairpersons, a finance update from our outgoing and incoming Treasurers, and updates from our outgoing and incoming Conference Leadership Team (CLT).

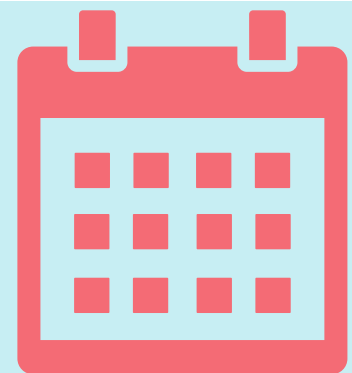
The entire summary from the 2020 World Service Conference can be viewed at al-anon.org

UPCOMING AL-ANON EVENTS

Two very exciting events were announced and highlighted at the 2020 World Service Conference:

On Saturday, April 17, 2021, from 7:00 – 10:00 pm EDT, attend Al-Anon's 70th Anniversary Celebration at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, New York. Banquet tickets will go on sale early next year.

In July 2023, celebrate recovery with 4,000 to 5,000 other attendees at the seventh Al-Anon International Convention with A.A. Participation in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



M.A.I.S. 2020 Fall Appeal

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What do we do?

MAIS provides Metro Atlanta Al-Anon information for families and friends of alcoholics, as we have for the past 51 years. We are still available for those reaching out in crisis, or looking for local Al-Anon meeting information, but we need your support and participation to do so.

What can you do?

Make sure your group has provided MAIS with your most current meeting information. Are you meeting virtually? Have you temporarily suspended your meeting? Are you still meeting face-to-face? Email maisboardchair@gmail.com to make sure this important information is available on our website.

Participate in bimonthly MAIS meetings. We need your MAIS Representative's email address, so we can invite them to our upcoming MAIS general meeting September 9, 2020. Send your contact information to maisboardchair@gmail.com

Fill vacant service positions:

MAIS Committee Chair, MAIS Office Chair, Answering Service Chair, Website Chair, Schedules Chair, Secretary and MAIS Anniversary Party Chair

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Literature Distribution Center,
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404-678-0467

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(Include your group name and number on your check.)

Help us help you!

Please share this appeal at three consecutive meetings and share your suggestions on how we can best serve you .

Email suggestions to:
maisboardchair@gmail.com

MAIS FAQ

Learn more about MAIS and stay up to date on all events and announcements by visiting alanonatl.org regularly!

A general MAIS meeting is scheduled to be held virtually on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30PM. Please send the email address for your group's MAIS Representative to maisboardchair@gmail.com to gain access to the meeting.

MAIS Board meetings are being held virtually. Contact maisboardchair@gmail.com for board meeting schedule and access information.

Contact Info

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Macon, GA 31201
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E-mail: officearea11@gmail.com
Website: www.ga-al-anon.org
Make checks payable to: GACS

GA Al-Anon:

AFG of Georgia Inc.
PO Box 7644
Macon, GA 31209-7644
Make checks payable to AFG of GA, Inc

****When making contributions to Al-Anon service arms,
please include the name of your group, your group number,
and your district number.***

Al-Anon's World Service Office (WSO):

Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.
1600 Corporate Landing Pkwy
Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617
Group Info: 800-344-2666
Other: 757-563-1600
Hours: Mon–Fri, 8am - 6pm
Email: wso@al-anon.org
Website: www.al-anon.org
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